



James E. Zachar

September 28, 2005

James Emil "Jim" Zachar, age 68 of Willbrook Plantation, Pawleys Island, SC died Wednesday, September 28, 2005 after a courageous six week battle with an aggressive form of renal cell cancer. Born June 27, 1937 in Omaha, NE, he was the son of the late Emma and Emil Zachar. Jim graduated from St. Joseph High School, Omaha in 1955. He earned a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI in 1960. Jim was a member of Triangle, a fraternity of engineers where he formed lifelong friendships. He pursued graduate engineering studies at Ohio State University. In 1985, Jim earned an MBA degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. He began his engineering career with NCR Corporation, Dayton, OH where he earned several patents and managed the retail group. From 1974-77, he was Director of Engineering of Allied Technology, Troy, OH. Jim served as Director of Engineering of Norand Corp., Cedar Rapids, IA from 1977-82. In 1982, Jim joined AT&T Bell labs in Illinois, where he was a member of Technical Staff for ten years, then becoming Senior Support Staff at AT&T Computer Systems formerly NCR in Columbia, SC. In 1995, he returned to Technical Staff at Bell Labs/Lucent Technologies, working in the field on wireless communications technology. In June 2000, Jim retired after forty years as an engineer including thirty years with Bell Labs/NCR/AT&T. On June 17, 1961, he married Judith "Judy" Ann Mikulsky in Kenosha, WI, Subsequently, they had five children and eight grandchildren. Jim was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, beloved by his family who will miss

him deeply. He was very proud of his children and their achievements. Jim was a devout and faithful Roman Catholic Christian all of his life. A member of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church in Pawleys Island, SC, he was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. Jim served previously as Chairman of Operation Hope and was responsible for providing donated bread to St. Cyprian Outreach in Georgetown. He ministered as an usher at Mass for over 35 years. Jim was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph and daughter, Angela who both died at birth. In addition to his wife, surviving are daughters, Mary Evelyn and husband Timothy McGuire, Greenville, SC and Elizabeth Emily and Douglas Pessefall, Wauwatosa, WI; sons, James Joseph of Greensboro, NC, John Patrick and wife Elizabeth Lane of Chicago and Thomas Matthew and wife Melinda Myers of Winnetka, IL; grandchildren, Patrick McGuire, Brendan McGuire, Edward Pessefall, Emily Pessefall, Charles Zachar, John Zachar, Nathan Zachar and Amanda Zachar; brother in law, John James Mikulsky and wife Margaret of San Carlos, CA; nieces, Sara and Rachel Mikulsky and several cousins. Visitation will be 6:00-8:00 PM, Monday, October 3 at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church, 1633 Waverly Rd., Pawleys Island, SC 29585 with a prayer vigil at 7:00 PM. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated, 10:30 AM, Tuesday, October 4 at the church directed by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Pawleys Island Chapel. A Memorial Mass for Jim will be celebrated 10:00 AM, Thursday, October 6, 2005 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1077 Tower Rd., Winnetka, IL. Burial will follow at St. George Cemetery in Kenosha, WI directed by Piasecki-Althaus Funeral Home, Kenosha, WI. Memorials may be made to Parish Life Center Fund, Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church, 1633 Waverly Rd., Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

Tribute Wall



“ I read of your loss and want to express my deepest sympathy. Life can be full of so many unexpected things. But the worse of our problems is death an enemy of life. Losing a loved one can be devastating, because we have an built-in desire to live and enjoy life with our family and friends. When we lose our loved one, for whatever reasons we may believe, it is distressing, because we miss them so much. At these times, we need encouragement and hope so that we can cope with our lost. For that reason, we can be encouraged by reflecting on the promises that God has given us thru his word the Bible, concerning the hope of seeing our loved ones again. I hope that you will find comfort in reading these scriptures. John 11:11-44, John 5:21,28,29 and Revelation 21:3,4. My prayers are with you family.##imported-begin##Karen Cross##imported-end##

October 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart, thoughts and prayers go out to all.##imported-begin##Lisa Camire Maliski##imported-end##

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“ As a fellow Knight with ties to Northwestern my prayers go out to James and all his family & friends.##imported-begin##SK Robert Fitzsimons##imported-end##

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“ Jim may you have a great Reunion with our Lord and Blessed Virgin Mary. Our condolences to Jim's family. We knew Jim well as a member on St Joseph KofC Council 12554 here in Columbia. His support for the Knights will be missed. Prayfully, Sam and Legare Kopack##imported-begin##Sam & Legare Kopack##imported-end##

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